

## MISCELLANY

Under this department are ordinarily grouped: News Items; Letters; Special Articles; Twenty-five Years Ago column; California Board of Medical Examiners; and other columns as occasion may warrant. Items for the News column must be furnished by the fifteenth of the preceding month. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

## NEWS

### Coming Meetings.

*American Medical Association*, New York, June 10-14, 1940. Olin West, M. D., Secretary, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

*California Medical Association*, Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, May 6-9, 1940. George H. Kress, M. D., Secretary, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

*Association of Western Hospitals*, Hotel Biltmore, Los Angeles, April 8-11, 1940. Thomas F. Clark, Executive Secretary, 1182 Market Street, San Francisco.

### Medical Broadcasts.\*

**American Medical Association Broadcasts: "Medicine in the News."**—The American Medical Association and the National Broadcasting Company have announced "Medicine in the News," on timely topics from medical news of the week. Thursdays, 4:30 p. m., Eastern standard time (1:30 p. m. Pacific standard time), Blue Network—Coast to coast; thirty weeks, opening on November 2, 1939; facts, drama, entertainment, music.

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### Los Angeles County Medical Association.

The radio broadcast program for the Los Angeles County Medical Association for the month of November is as follows:

Wednesday, November 1—KECA, 11:15 a. m., The Road of Health.

Saturday, November 4—KFI, 9:45 a. m., The Road of Health; KFAC, 10:30 a. m., Your Doctor and You.

Wednesday, November 8—KECA, 11:15 a. m., The Road of Health.

Saturday, November 11—KFI, 9:45 a. m., The Road of Health; KFAC, 10:30 a. m., Your Doctor and You.

Wednesday, November 15—KECA, 11:15 a. m., The Road of Health.

Saturday, November 18—KFI, 9:45 a. m., The Road of Health; KFAC, 10:30 a. m., Your Doctor and You.

Wednesday, November 22—KECA, 11:15 a. m., The Road of Health.

Saturday, November 25—KFI, 9:45 a. m., The Road of Health; KFAC, 10:30 a. m., Your Doctor and You.

Wednesday, November 29—KECA, 11:15 a. m., The Road of Health.

**Exhibit of the California Medical Association Cancer Commission at the Golden Gate International Exposition.\*\***—Prior to this year the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association confined its activities to the medical profession of California, and left a definite program of public education to other organizations long in this work, notably the American Society for the Control of Cancer. During the session of the Golden Gate Exposition on Treasure Island, just closed,† however, there was a deviation from that policy, in that large numbers of people were

made acquainted, through the activity of the Cancer Commission, with the simple facts concerning cancer.

This exhibit, made possible through money from the Herzstein Fund, and housed on the east aisle in the Science Building, was viewed by thousands of people, as can be attested by the writer, who always saw there, on his frequent visits, numerous groups intent on what was displayed before them.

The exhibit portrayed in a dignified, yet simple and easily understandable manner, the facts concerning cancer as we now know them. This was done by means of large charts, well illustrated with diagrams and photographs, each chart having a definite message in response to a question above it. This question and answer form was carried out by the answer on the chart, portrayed quite completely by word, diagrammatic and photographic illustrations.

Unfortunately, too much of the public knowledge of cancer consists of a store of misinformation, and to attempt to dispel this and point out those aspects of the disease which are encouraging was no easy task. Yet it was felt that the exhibit did just that for those thousands who had the opportunity of visiting it. Besides portraying what cancer is, and how it acts and what it is not, it went on to show just how the diagnosis of cancer is made, and not only that it is curable, but preventable as well; and it also showed the type of experimental work that is being done, with the part animals play in this problem, thereby being a bit of propaganda on the subject of vivisection.

It is to be hoped that all visitors to the Fair took in this exhibit to see for themselves what was being done by the Commission in the way of public education; for one cannot but feel that this sort of activity will always be instrumental in strengthening the bond between the public and the medical profession—a bond which has had considerable stress and strain in recent years. The more we can make people feel that the only interest of the medical profession is the public welfare, the better our own situation, as a result of renewed confidence, will become.

**Phi Rho Sigma.**—The Los Angeles Alumni Association of Phi Rho Sigma will meet on November 17, 1939, at the University Club in Los Angeles, in celebration of the annual Founders' Day banquet.

All members of Phi Rho Sigma are invited to attend. For reservations or information, address Harry F. Mershon, M. D., Alumni Secretary-Treasurer, 1407 South Hope Street, Los Angeles.

**Two State Hospitals Given New Chiefs.**—Examiner Bureau, Sacramento, Oct. 7.—Dr. Aaron J. Rosanoff, State Director of Institutions, today announced appointment of new medical superintendents at Napa and Mendocino State hospitals.

Dr. I. E. Charlesworth, Napa's assistant superintendent for seven years, will succeed the late Dr. J. M. Scanlan, while Dr. Walter Rapaport, Napa staff physician for five years, will head the Mendocino institution, succeeding Dr. R. A. Cushman, retired. Both jobs carry \$340 monthly salaries.—San Francisco *Examiner*, October 2.

\* County societies giving medical broadcasts are requested to send information as soon as arranged (stating station, day, date and hour, and subject) to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, for inclusion in this column.

† From report by Otto H. Pflueger, M. D., Secretary of the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association.

\*\* For item on Pathological Conference, see page 351.

**Correction.**—The article, "Training of Optometrists" (October issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, page 283), reprinted from *The Journal of the Connecticut State Medical Association*, was in error in stating that the Los Angeles School of Optometry gave the degree of Doctor of Optometry at the end of a three-year course. We are informed that in the Los Angeles School of Optometry "for many years past our course has been a four-year course, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Optometry."

**Southern California Medical Association: One Hundred and First Semi-Annual Session.**—The Southern California Medical Association held its one hundred and first semi-annual meeting on Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, 1939, at the Samarkand Hotel, Santa Barbara. An exceptionally fine program had been arranged.

The Association was fortunate in having secured two outstanding guest speakers. Dr. W. Edward Chamberlain, Professor of Roentgenology at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, addressed the Association and then participated in a symposium on intestinal obstruction. Dr. Frank J. Heck, noted hematologist at the Mayo Clinic, acted as moderator for a symposium on hematology.

**Los Angeles County Hospital Position Filled.**—LeRoy Bruce, for the last three years assistant executive superintendent of the General Hospital, yesterday was named assistant to the director of the institution by Rex Thomson, County Superintendent of Charities.

Bruce, aided by Thomson, will have administrative supervision of the hospital, pending the appointment of an executive director selected in the near future through a county civil service examination thrown open to applicants throughout the United States.

The position of executive director of the hospital recently became vacant when the Board of Supervisors removed Everett J. Gray, executive superintendent, by abolishing the position. The new executive director will be a medical man with administrative experience in hospitals.—*Los Angeles Times*, October 10.

**Pacific Association of Railway Surgeons.**—The thirty-seventh annual convention was held in San Francisco on September 29 and 30.

The program follows:

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Address of Welcome—Mr. Leland W. Cutler, President, Golden Gate International Exposition.

Presidential Address: The Status of the Railway Surgeon—Richard J. Flammson, M. D., Los Angeles.

A Method of Treatment of Fractures of the Patella—L. D. Prince, M. D., San Francisco. (Illustrated.)

Fractures of the Transverse Processes of the Lumbar Vertebrae—Ralph M. Dodson, M. D., Portland. (Illustrated.)

The Neurologic Aspects of Low Back Pain and Sciatica—Howard A. Brown, M. D., San Francisco. (Illustrated.)

Testicular Substance Implantation—L. L. Stanley, M. D., San Quentin.

Spectrographic Analysis of Urinary Calculi: Preliminary Report—Charles P. Mathé, M. D., and Robley C. Archambeault, M. A. (Illustrated.)

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Virus Infections—E. M. Butt, M. D., Los Angeles. (Illustrated.)

The Management of Coronary Disease in Engineers—E. S. Kilgore, M. D., San Francisco. Discussion by Philip King Brown, M. D., San Francisco.

Deafness—Grant Selfridge, M. D., and Roland F. Marks, M. D., San Francisco. (Illustrated.) (Presented by Doctor Marks.)

Tuberculosis in the Aged—C. A. Thomas, M. D., and S. C. Davis, M. D., Tucson. (Presented by Doctor Davis.)

The Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Nerve Injuries—E. J. Morrissey, M. D., San Francisco.

Roentgenologic Demonstration—L. B. Crow, M. D., San Francisco.

Dr. William L. Weber, Chief Surgeon of the Pacific Electric Railroad, was elected president.

**Stanford Gets Fund for Needy Patients.**—Continuance of studies of San Joaquin Valley fever, and financial aid for needy maternity patients at the Stanford Medical School's Lane Hospital, San Francisco, have been made possible as the result of two recent gifts, President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University announced today.

The Rosenberg Foundation of San Francisco, which previously granted \$25,000 for a two-year study of San Joaquin Valley fever by Stanford staff members, has provided \$7,500 for additional studies.

The aid for needy maternity cases will be the income from a \$10,299 fund established by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Clayburgh of San Francisco and a group of their friends. The fund is in memory of Mrs. Robert D. Steiner (Doris Clayburgh), who died on July 30. Mrs. Steiner was a member of the Stanford class of 1937.—*San Francisco News*, October 3.

**Lecturers to Give Mental Health Facts.**—A series of lectures on mental health, sponsored by the Northern California Mental Hygiene Society, will be given each Wednesday night, beginning on October 18 in the Mount Zion Auditorium, 2345 Sutter Street.

Dr. Walter L. Treadway, Medical Director of the United States Public Health Service, will open the series with a lecture on "The Poor, the Sick, the Bad," Dr. George S. Johnson, president of the society, announced yesterday.

Dr. Ernest R. Hilgard of Stanford will speak on "Motives in Industry," October 25; Dr. H. F. Chamberlain, psychiatrist, on "Mental Hygiene in Daily Life," November 1; Dr. J. Kasanin, Mount Zion Hospital, on "Psychoanalysis and Mental Health," November 8; and Dr. Norman Fenton, Stanford University, will speak on "Mental Hygiene and the Teacher," November 15.—*San Francisco Examiner*, October 2.

**Los Angeles Course in Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.**—The Research Study Club of Los Angeles has made its preliminary announcement of the ninth annual Midwinter Course of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, to be held in Los Angeles on January 15 to 26, 1940. The teaching staff will include:

George L. Tobey, Jr., M. D., of Boston, Massachusetts.

William J. McNally, M. D., of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Albert D. Ruedemann, M. D., of Cleveland, Ohio.

Algernon B. Reese, M. D., of New York City.

Meyer Wiener, M. D., of St. Louis, Missouri.

Edward Jackson, M. D., of Denver, Colorado.

John F. Barnhill, M. D., of Indianapolis and Miami Beach, Florida.

Simon Jesberg, M. D., of Los Angeles.

Vern O. Knudsen, Ph. D., of Los Angeles.

Augustus G. Pohlman, M. D., of Los Angeles.

Louis K. Guggenheim, M. D., of Los Angeles.

Norman A. Watson, Ph. D., of Los Angeles.

Additional information may be secured by writing to the secretary of the course, Don S. Dryer, M. D., 2007 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

**American Board of Ophthalmology.**—Written examination is announced for March 2, 1940, in various cities throughout the country. This will be the only written examination in 1940.

All applications for this examination must be received before January 1, 1940. All applicants must pass satisfactory written examination before being admitted to oral examination.

Oral examination: New York City, June 8 and 10. Fall examination to be announced later.

Case reports: Candidates planning to take the June examination must file case reports before March 1.

For application blanks write at once to Dr. John Green, 6830 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

**Chiropractic Initiative: Proposition No. 2.**—On October 30, the Public Health League of California placed in the mails postcards giving the following information concerning broadcasts on Proposition No. 2:

Wednesday, November 1, 8:45 p. m.—Mutual Don Lee Broadcasting System: KHJ, Los Angeles; KFRC, San Francisco; KPBC, Bakersfield; KHSL, Chico; KXO, El Centro; KIEB, Eureka; KDON, Monterey; KVCV, Redding; KFXM, San Bernardino; KGB, San Diego; KQW, San Jose; KVEC, San Luis Obispo; KVOE, Santa Ana; KDB, Santa Barbara; KTKC, Visalia—Speaker, Dr. Dewey R. Powell, M. D., Councilor, Public Health League.

Sunday, November 5, 8:45 p. m.—Wendy Stewart, attorney and lecturer in Public Administration, U. S. C. Mutual Don Lee Broadcasting System, stations listed above.

Monday, November 6, 9:45 p. m.—Columbia Network: KNX, Los Angeles; KSFO, San Francisco; KROY, Sacramento; KARM, Fresno—Speaker, Dr. T. F. Ratledge, D. C., representing California Chiropractic Association.

**Broadcasts: Medicine in the News.\***—The seventh season of broadcasting by the American Medical Association over the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company and affiliated stations opens Thursday, November 2, at 4:30 p. m., eastern standard time (3:30 central standard time, 2:30 mountain time and 1:30 Pacific time). The title of the program will be *Medicine in the News*.

True to their title, the programs will consist of dramatizations based on what is happening in the world of medicine. Each program will include a principal news item from *The Journal* or some other reputable medical source or from *Hygeia*. This will be followed by one or more high lights on current medical news. Each program will close with a question of the week drawn from the question and answer correspondence of *Hygeia*. A question will be asked each week and answered the following week.

Since the program will be based on events as they proceed, it will be impossible to announce program topics in advance. Each program will be developed within the week immediately preceding its appearance and in part, perhaps, the programs will often be developed within forty-eight hours of their broadcasting.

As heretofore, this is a sustaining program made possible through the coöperation of the National Broadcasting Company. A sustaining program brings no revenue to any radio station or to the network. Therefore radio stations, except those owned and operated by the National Broadcasting Company, are not obligated to broadcast the program. State and county medical societies should express interest in the program by letter or personal interview with the manager of the local radio station. Such evidence of local interest may be the deciding factor in broadcasting the program locally.

Following is a list of the radio stations affiliated with the Blue network of the National Broadcasting Company. This is a list of stations to which the program is available, not a list of stations which are certain to broadcast the program. A list of stations announcing intention to broadcast the program will be published in a later issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Pacific Coast Blue Network—KECA, Los Angeles; KEX, Portland, Ore.; KFSD, San Diego; KGO, San Francisco; KTMS, Santa Barbara; KJR, Seattle; KGA, Spokane. California Valley Group—KERN, Bakersfield; KMJ, Fresno; KFBK, Sacramento; KWG, Stockton.

**Stanford Gets New Medical Laboratories.**—In ultra-modern laboratories, housed in a specially designed building of concrete, steel and glass, medical research which has brought fame to the Stanford University Medical School was going forward yesterday.

Laboratory and research workers, for years compelled to labor in cramped, dark and ill-ventilated corners in the oldest building of the school at Sacramento and Webster streets, have transferred their important operations to roomy, well-lighted, odorless quarters with the best of equipment.

\* From the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, October 28, 1939, page 1647.

For that, Mrs. Louis Stern of Palo Alto is responsible. In the name of her daughter, Ruth Lucie Stern, she has given Stanford's scientists the finest of research laboratories.

#### Unrestricted Gift

Placing no restrictions upon the gift, except that it be used "for research in medicine," she instructed Birge Clark, architect, to incorporate in the structure "everything the men of science want."

As a result, Clark produced a building so designed that walls, free of obstructions, are solid bands of windows, so that each laboratory is an "outside room," with daylight available for eye-straining work, so that partitions are removable and laboratories adjustable for size and shape. A ventilating system has been built into the concrete core of the structure.

Heads of the school were jubilant over the new facilities yesterday. "Now, those who follow us, for fifty years or more, can do the work that is necessary," they said.

At present, they disclosed, work is going forward in the study of valley fever—a disease first recognized at Stanford. The fungus which causes the disease was first grown under laboratory conditions there—and its life cycle and possible specifics are now being studied there.

#### Work with Serum

In another laboratory, techniques are being devised for inoculation of children against whooping cough and against lockjaw.

In still another, scientists are dehydrating and freezing serum—preparing the valuable substance so that it might keep indefinitely.

What tremendously valuable discoveries may come out of Mrs. Stern's gift to the Stanford School no one would pretend to predict yesterday. One physician said of the research workers:

"They'll go along for twenty years, working hard, seeming to get nowhere. Then, suddenly, something happens—and the job is done. We are planning, here, for fifty years ahead."—San Francisco *Examiner*, October 10.

**Annual Symposium on Heart Disease.**—The Heart Committee of the San Francisco County Medical Society will hold its tenth annual Postgraduate Symposium on Heart Disease on November 16, 17, and 18, 1939.

Clinics on the various aspects of heart disease will be conducted at the University of California Hospital on Thursday afternoon, November 16. An additional feature will be the showing of a ten-reel film by Dr. Clayton J. Lundy, entitled "The Heart-Beat Mechanism in Health and Disease." Ward rounds and special clinics will be held at San Francisco Hospital on Saturday morning, November 18.

Other sessions are as follows:

*Thursday Morning, November 16, at the University of California Hospital.*

Francis L. Chamberlain, M. D., Presiding.

The Diagnosis of Pulmonary Heart Disease, by Maurice Sokolow, M. D.

Circulatory Disturbances Resulting from Peripheral Arterial and Venous Compression, by John J. Sampson, M. D.

The Treatment of Hypertension with Sulphocyanates, by Stephen Reynolds, M. D.

The Diagnosis of Dissecting Aneurysm of the Aorta, by Eugene S. Kilgore, M. D.

Recent Advances in the Treatment of Heart Disease, by Francis L. Chamberlain, M. D.

A Demonstration Clinic on Angina Pectoris, by William J. Kerr, M. D.

The Effect of Climate on Rheumatic Heart Disease, by Ina M. Richter, M. D.

Subacute Bacterial Endocarditis Apparently Cured with Sulfanilamide, by Amos U. Christie, M. D., and Mary B. Olney, M. D.

The Heart in Diphtheria, by Gordon E. Hein, M. D.

Psychiatric Aspects of Heart Disease, by Paul Gillebe, M. D.

Fluoroscopy in Diagnosis of Heart Disease, by Francis J. Rochex, M. D.

Buffet luncheon at 12:30 p. m. at the University of California Hospital, for all doctors registered for the symposium and for all symposium instructors.

On Thursday evening, November 16, the Heart Committee will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a dinner at the Western Women's Club. A special program has been arranged. Dr. William Dock will speak on "The Treatment of Heart Disease Since Queen Bess." A cordial invitation is extended to all doctors and their friends who may wish to attend. The dinner is \$1.65 per plate.

On Friday, November 17, the sessions will be held at Stanford University Hospital.

#### Morning Session

Ann P. Purdy, M. D., Presiding.

Demonstration of Patients with Various Types of Cardiac Disorders, by Arthur L. Bloomfield, M. D., William W. Newman, M. D., and Ann P. Purdy, M. D.  
Clinico-Pathologic Demonstrations, conducted by William Dock, M. D.

#### Afternoon Session

J. K. Lewis, M. D., Presiding.

The Use of Physical Therapy in the Treatment of Peripheral Vascular Disease, by W. H. Northway, M. D.  
Use of the Epinephrin-Ephedrin Group of Drugs in Cardiovascular Disease, by M. L. Tainter, M. D.  
Heart Size and Heart Failure, by D. A. Rytand, M. D.  
The Electrocardiograph in the Differential Diagnosis of Acute Myocardial Infarction, Acute Cor Pulmonale and Acute Pericarditis, by Jackson Norwood, M. D.  
The Value of Phonocardiograms, by J. K. Lewis, M. D.

#### Evening Session at San Francisco Hospital

J. Marion Read, M. D., Presiding.

The Observation of Cardiac Motion by Roentgen-Kymography, by Leo H. Garland, M. D.  
Some Clinical Applications of Roentgen-Kymography, by J. Marion Read, M. D.  
Therapeutic Use of Digitalis, by Clayton D. Mote, M. D.  
Effort Syndrome—Diagnosis and Treatment, by Mayo H. Soley, M. D.  
Pregnancy and Heart Disease, by Charles A. Noble, Jr., M. D.  
Demonstration of Pulmonary Vascular Tree by Topography, by Alexander Petrilli, M. D.

The registration fee for the symposium, including the anniversary dinner, is \$15. Registration applications and dinner reservations should be sent to Dr. Richard D. Friedlander, Chairman of Program Committee, San Francisco Heart Committee, 604 Mission Street, Room 802, San Francisco.

*Urges Victims Themselves to Fight Ragweed Menace.* Hay-fever victims could do much to rid themselves of their misery by concerted attempts at eradicating ragweed, Ramsay Spillman, M. D., New York, declares in *Hygeia*, the health magazine.

While persons susceptible to the pollen of ragweed cannot go near it during the blooming season, Doctor Spillman points out that there is a period comprising all of May, June and July and part of August, when the bloom has not formed, during which even sensitive persons can handle the plant, which is extremely easy to pull up.

"Concerted and organized action by the victims, themselves, would prevent much of their suffering later," he asserts. "But it is a sheer waste of money to cut down ragweed after it has formed viable seed."

Doctor Spillman says that, with the help of three neighbors, he cleaned off the ragweed from a lot comprising nearly a whole city block. The following year there was still a little left, as enough seed had carried over in the ground to give a yield of perhaps 10 per cent of the ordinary crop. The third year, however, there was only a scattered growth of ragweed.

## LETTERS

**Subject: Cancer Commission Pathological Conference.\***

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

CANCER COMMISSION

SAN FRANCISCO

October 18, 1939.

To the Editor:—We would appreciate it if the enclosed announcement could be put in the next issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

Very truly yours,

OTTO H. PFLUEGER, M. D.

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CANCER COMMISSION PATHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

Dear Doctor:

The next Microscopic Conference of the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association will be held at the Alameda County Hospital in Oakland on Sunday, December 17, at 9:30 a. m.

In order that the committee in charge of the Conference—Doctors Paul Michael, Jesse Carr, and Alvin Cox—may go over the cases that are sent in, we are asking that if you have a case which you would like to present, that you send in two or three sample slides and a case history for the Committee's perusal as soon as possible.

If a case is accepted, the Committee will notify you and ask that you make up a set of sixty slides for distribution. The Committee is particularly anxious to obtain slides which are made of properly fixed material so that the slides will be satisfactory for diagnosis.

We are interested in getting the cases ready several weeks before the meeting, and would appreciate receiving sample slides and histories as early as possible. We feel that if slides can be sent to the pathologists throughout the state at least two weeks before the meeting, the cases can be diagnosed more satisfactorily and the discussion will be much more interesting. In the past, material has always been sent in so late that it has been difficult to get the slides out, and some of the participants have had to go without slides.

Will you kindly give this matter your prompt attention in order that we may make the program as interesting as possible? Kindly send your preliminary histories and slides to the chairman of the committee, Dr. Paul Michael, 434 Thirtieth Street, Oakland, California. He will get in touch with you concerning the cutting of sixty sections if your cases are accepted.

Bring your own microscope if you plan to attend. Also let the Chairman know if you will attend, as accommodations are limited.

**Subject: Premarital examinations.**

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

October 2, 1939.

#### Statement

Executive Order No. 188, involving Department of Public Health procedure, namely, volunteer Wassermann blood tests for syphilis in all Emergency Hospitals on each Wednesday of each week, is herewith rescinded, and the practice discontinued. The reasons are as follows:

Since these tests have been instituted, 10,541 have been performed, the statistical results being attached hereto. It

\* For item on California Medical Association Cancer Exhibit at Golden Gate Exposition, see page 348.